## LITERARY NOTES.

Professor Arndt, of Leipsic, has discovered an hitherto unknown work of Goethe-a " Singspiel ' in prose-which will soon be published. Berlin and the other German capitals are impa-

dymion," which was secured by Brockhaus, of Tennyson's new ballad, "The Northern Cobbler," teaches total abstinence. It is being sung at meetings of the Blue Ribbon Army, and received with

tiently waiting for the German edition of "En-

great enthusiasm by the audiences. A book designed to aid young parents in the training of their children will be issued soon by A D. F. Randolph & Co. It is called "A Summer at Peace Cottage; or, Talks on Home Life," by S. W.

A narrative of ail efforts since the time of Cortez to effect interoceanic transit across the Isthmus of Tehuantepec has been prepared by Mr. A. D. Anderson, and will be published at once by A. S. Barnes & Co.

Mr. Benson J. Lossing's series of American histories is rounded out and made complete by his " History of the United States Navy," which Harper & Brothers expect to have ready on Tuesday next. Great care has been taken with the illustra-

Mr. R. A. Francillon's new novel will be called "Under Slieve-Ban," after a mountain in Ireland near which the scene is laid. Some of the incidents of the rebellion of 1848 are interwoven with the story. Henry Holt & Co, are the American publishers, and the date of publication is not yet fixed.

A new romance by Vast-Ricouard, entitled " The Old Guard," has just appeared in Paris, and has created a sensation, since the characters are recognized as por raits of persons well known to the Paris world. By his title the author auticipated a play by three Paris journalists, which has been waiting its turn at one of the theatres for several months. Sardou's Paris failure," Daniel Rochat," has made

a sensation in Berlin, and is promised a permanent place in dramatic literature. The correspondent of The Cologne Guzelle accords to it high poetic merit, and thinks the " jurpose" in it (purpose destructive of permanent ari), is not more manifest than in the "Autigone" of Sophocles, and not so prominent as in Shakespeare's "Merchaut of Venice."

Two little books with an avowed purpose, presented in the form of a story, bear the imprint of Paidlps & Huat. "Amy's Probation" is designed to answer in the negative the question whether Protestant girls ought to be sent to Reman Cathelie schools. " Drifting and Anchored," by Mrs. E. J. Richmond, is a story designed for Sunday-school libraries, constructed upon an antiquated plan, and negdissaly distrustful of the moral effects of scien-

Miss Tinker's novel, "Signor Monaldini's Niece," was the rival of Miss Dudu Fletcher's "Kismet," for the palm, in the No Name Series. These clever colleagues have, singularly, picked upon phases of the same subject for their newest novels. Miss Fletener's " Head of Medusa" is a strong Roman story, which concerns the unhappiness of an American can girl who married an Italian Count, and Miss Tinker's " By the Tiber," now in press at Roberts Brothers', deals with interesting phases of foreign society in Rome.

Mr. Richard H. Stoddard bas written a suggestive preface for A. C. Armstrong & Son's reprint of Dr. Doran's two entertaining volumes on " Monarchs Retired from Business." Mr. Stoddard remarks that the divine right of monarchs has always been on the side of the heaviest battalions, and finds much to be satisfied with in his own country's method of providing itself with rulers. In the following paragraph he finds room for a literary opinion: rapidity with which the shutters of these merry monarchs were put up and down is apparent to the reader of the Historical Plays, which are attributed to Shakespeare, but which I do not believe he wrote in their entirety, though the poorest are not without touches of the master's hand."

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